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SUBJECT: ISRAELI CABINET MEETING ON PREPARATION FOR GENEVA

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1. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN SENT ME A PRIVATE MESSAGE FROM THE HOSPITAL LAST NIGHT IN RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY'S REQUEST THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN BY THE CABINET ON OUR LATEST GENEVA WORKING PAPER. HE SAID "ALTHOUGH WE HAD PREPARED A DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR THE CABINET, IT WILL NOT BE ADOPTED AT SUNDAY'S SESSION. WE SHALL EXPLAIN THAT THE TALKS ARE STILL GOING ON".

2. ISRAELI RADIO HAS NOW REPORTED THAT ACTING PRIME MINISTER ERLICH MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UPON EMERGING FROM CABINET MEETING: "THE ISRAELI PEOPLE MAY BE ASKED TO BRACE THEMSELVES FOR A STATE OF EMERGENCY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A CALL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY MAY BE ISSUED. THE U.S. - SOVIET COMMUNIQUE IS AN ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE A SETTLEMENT AND TO IMPOSE THE INCLUSION OF THE PLO AT GENEVA. ISRAEL COULD NOT ACCEPT THIS AND REJECTS IT OUT OF HAND. BUT HE STILL HOPES THAT THE DIFFERENCES COULD BE HAMMERED OUT."

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3. OTHER PRESS AND RADIO REPORTS SAY THAT U.S.-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE AND "NEW U.S. GENEVA PROPOSAL" WERE ONLY TWO SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BY CABINET TODAY. PRESS REACTION TO U.S.-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE IS VERY NEGATIVE; FOCUSING PARTICULARLY ON USE OF PHRASE "PALESTINIAN RIGHTS" BY U.S.M. FOR FIRST TIME; ABSENCE OF ANY REFERENCE TO "PEACE TREATIES;" ETC. BBC HAS JUST REPORTED THAT DAYAN HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK AN URGENT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.
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